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- 1. The Sofia-Bankya (N 42-42, E 23-08) road, which is approximately 15 kilometern long, is being asphalted. The work was started in the last half of 1952, suspended during the winter, and started again during the present summer season. It is estimated that the work should be completed about 1954.
- 2. This road is the first road in Bulgaria to be asphalted. All other roads are either dirt or gravel. Few roads are "paved" and the only mement road is the principal Sofia-Turkish border highway which passes through Plovdiv.
- 3. The fact that Bulgarian roads have natural surfaces, combined with the almost complete lack of maintenance, explains the terrible condition of the roads throughout the country.

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